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CLASSIFIED BY: POLITICAL COUNSELOR ABELARDO A. ARIAS
FOR REASONS 1.5(B) AND (D).

SUMMARY

1. -- (U) OAS SYG CESAR GAVIRIA SAID FEBRUARY 13 HE WOULD
REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE DIALOGUE PROCESS UNTIL THE TWO SIDES
ACHIEVE RESULTS.
GOV AND OPPOSITION NEGOTIATORS WERE SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS TEXT
OF A STATEMENT CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND CONFRONTATION AT THE
FEBRUARY 13 SESSION OF THE OAS TALKS.

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-- (U) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (NA) PASSED THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE LAW FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF RADIO AND TELEVISION AT 4:00 A.M. FEBRUARY 13.

-- (U) THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FAILED TO APPROVE THE TEN CIVIL SOCIETY MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH THE FORMATION OF THE NEW NATIONAL ELECTORAL COUNCIL (CNE) AS SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 13.

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STATEMENT ON NON-VIOLENCE

2. (C) GOV AND OPPOSITION NEGOTIATORS BEGAN DISCUSSING A STATEMENT CONDEMNING VIOLENCE DURING THE GAVIRIA TALKS FEBRUARY 11 AND PLANNED TO CONTINUE FEBRUARY 13. THE GOV REPRESENTATIVES CANCELED THE FEBRUARY 12 SESSION BECAUSE OF COMMITMENTS RELATED TO YOUTH DAY.

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IN HIS
OPENING REMARKS TO A USAID-SPONSORED CONFLICT RESOLUTION SEMINAR FEBRUARY 13, OAS SYG CESAR GAVIRIA SAID THE OPPOSITION AND GOV HAD BEEN MAKING PROGRESS ON THE STATEMENT.

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HE COMMENTED, HOWEVER,

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THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE HELPED TO KEEP TENSIONS DOWN AND
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TO AVOID GREATER VIOLENCE. GAVIRIA TOLD THE AUDIENCE THAT HE
WILL REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE PROCESS UNTIL THE TWO SIDES
ACHIEVE RESULTS.

MEDIA LAW PASSES FIRST READING

3. (C) THE [REDACTED] LAW FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF
RADIO AND TELEVISION MADE IT THROUGH ITS FIRST READING IN THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (NA) WITH VOTES FROM 84 OF THE 86
PRO-CHAVEZ DEPUTIES. THE DEBATE BEGAN IN THE AFTERNOON
FEBRUARY 12 AND LASTED UNTIL 4 A.M. FEBRUARY 13. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] THE DRAFT LEGISLATION NOW GOES TO
THE NA'S COMMISSION FOR THE MEDIA FOR ARTICLE BY ARTICLE
REVIEW BEFORE RETURNING TO THE PLENARY FOR A SECOND ROUND OF
DEBATE. [REDACTED]

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